

## AGM 2021 UVRA NEWSLETTER REPORT

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It takes a village to fill out the pages of *Grey Matters!* and this year's AGM report recognizes all the villagers whose submissions graced our quarterly editions.

Thank you to Margaret Klatt for providing us with *News from the Board*, which, this year, included a report about the work undertaken by Lisa Ohlauer, UVRA's first scholarship recipient ; to Peter Liddell who keeps us up to date on the status of our benefits and, on the happenings at the University Club; to Zulette Gordon who officially welcomes our new members; to David Docherty who will be writing his 39<sup>th</sup> *Physical Activity and Wellness Corner* article for the Summer 2021 edition; to Melvin Klassen whose *Bits & Bytes* column provides information intended to keep us safe online, and, on other related subjects; and to Mary Ellen Purkis, who gently invited us to contribute to the 2020 *United Way Campaign*.

David Docherty, in his article on *Impressions of Cambodia and Vietnam* (Fall 2020) transported us to two lesser known countries, while Zulette Gordon's *Wines and Islands* (Summer 2020) vicariously took us on a trip to our own backyard.

Roel Hurkens gave us a glimpse of what it is like to travel the world, backpacking, and moving at the speed of delight (Fall 2020); Jane Birkbeck shared her stressful experience getting back to Victoria from Guatemala at a time when air travel and borders were closing (Summer 2020); and Yvonne Hsieh reported how much fun it can be, even when confined to virtual meetings, to harness our grey power by volunteering (Winter and Spring 2021).

Two new columns were added to the newsletter this fiscal year: *UVRA's Members Forum*, and *What's Happening at UVic?* Jane Birkbeck, the Forum's facilitator, generously gives of her time each month to report the salient points discussed at each forum meeting held since January 2021. Herb Weil joined her for the Spring 2021 edition to inform us about what was planned for the April meeting. Louise Schmidt provided the Cliffs Notes versions of some of the work and/or research undertaken at the University of Victoria. The Winter 2021 edition featured the research of Marie-Eve Tremblay and Nicole Templeman while Genevieve von Petzinger's discovery was showcased in the Spring 2021 edition.

Respectfully submitted by Louise Schmidt, *Grey Matter!* Editor